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The convoy from ND starting in Terrace on the 14th will be picking up participants on the way down to 176. They are planning on leaving PG at 0800 on the 15th and Kamloops at 1600. Efforts will be made by police to get an accurate count as the convoy builds on its way to reinforce those at 176 and the Truck Crossing.

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E DIVISION "Freedom Convoy Protest" GSB Command
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ISSUE:

On Saturday, February 13th, 2022, the "Freedom Convoy Protests" occurred in multiple areas of British Columbia.

BACKGROUND:

The Government of Canada announced a federal mandate for truckers crossing the border to be vaccinated by 15 January 2022. This led to the so-called Freedom Convoy 2022 protest being organised largely through social media. Various convoys started across Canada on 22 January with the goal of arriving in Ottawa over the weekend of 28 and 29 January.

A convoy of Canadian truck drivers and their supporters traveled from various cities to Ottawa to protest the federal vaccine mandates for truck drivers, as well as Covid 19 mandated restrictions in general, starting on January 28/29 and continued uninterrupted to present.

While the organisers have declared that this is an act of peaceful protest, some ideologically motivated fringe elements have seized upon these rallies to advocate for their own ideological objectives. Extremists and other individuals supporting COVID-19 conspiracy theories and violent anti-authority/anti-government views have expressed intent to participate in these convoy protests.

Here have been a number of Anti-Mandate Protests in British Columbia in support of the Ottawa protesters. These have expanded to BC centric Anti-Mandate Protests throughout the province but focused on Victoria, Vancouver, Kelowna, Osoyoos and Surrey border crossings and Ft. St. John. It is expected that these protests will continue into the near future, based on messaging from organisers and participants online.

CURRENT STATUS:

Lower Mainland

At the 176th Border Crossing in Surrey, BC, the early morning hours (0300-0700hrs) showed minimal activity (50-100 people on site for the night). One individual was arrested for Causing a Disturbance (alcohol related). The majority of remaining persons were supportive of this arrest.

During the late morning and midday, the number of protestors was consistent with the early morning (30-50) and consisted of a group intent on staying for the long term. RCMP tactics changed, and a uniformed presence was utilized to begin moving the remaining persons out of the area (General Duty, TSG Level 1 at approximately 1130 am). A total of 6 persons were arrested, all vehicles were relocated, and a controlled area from the border to 2nd Avenue was established. However, due to the presence of numerous children in the crowd (on the front line, with or in front of parents), there was no further progress during the day.

By approximately 1900 the crowd had dissipated significantly.

Barricades have been placed on 176th and 8th, in order to control the influx of semi traffic and reduce the need for police vehicles and personnel.

South East District

No significant activity in the district. Supporter are expected to arrive in the Lower Mainland to support the 176th protest on February 14th. Number are not known at this point. It appears the groups are not travelling in convoy. Social media is being monitored.

Island District

No significant activity in the district.

North District

No significant activity in the district. Supporter are expected to depart February 14th, and arrive in the Lower Mainland to support the 176th protest on February 15th. Number are not known at this point. It appears the groups are not travelling in convoy. Social media is being monitored.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

- The 176th border crossing is the primary truck port for the area. This is an important economic crossing.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

MEMBER WELLNESS:

- Staffing this event is difficult as the POJ (Surrey RCMP) is very busy and has limited surge capacity. Other detachments are supplying personnel, but are also limited.



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